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Statement by House Speaker Will Weatherford Regarding the Senate Select Committee on PPACA's Vote on Medicaid Expansion

Tallahassee, FL – Florida House Speaker Will Weatherford (R-Wesley Chapel) today released the following statement regarding the Senate Select Committee on PPACA's (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act) vote against Medicaid expansion.

"I appreciate the Senate Select Committee on PPACA for taking a thoughtful and deliberative approach on the issue of Medicaid expansion. Like the House, the committee gathered the facts and decided that Washington's inflexible approach to force Florida to take a "one-size fits all" policy choice is not in our state's best interest.

I look forward to working with Senate President Gaetz as we investigate alternatives that will strengthen the safety net while also ensuring that we do not put future funding for our schools, public safety and protection of our beaches and springs at risk."